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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: MULTILATERAL INFORMATION ON
HOST GOVERNMENTS

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1. ALTHOUGH THE MILITARY ASSUMED CONTROL OF THE GOP ON JULY FIFTH, THE CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR, GENERAL ZIA, HAS PLEDGED CONTINUITY IN PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN POLICY AND STATED HIS INTENTIONS TO RETURN POWER TO CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT AFTER OCTOBER ELECTIONS. PAKISTAN'S GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES, THEREFORE, REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH TTSE REPORTED REFTEL B.

2. THE MILITARY INTERREGNUM WILL, HOWEVER, AFFECT THE BUREAUCRATICS OF DECISION-MAKING ON MULTILATERAL MATTERS WITHIN THE GOP AND PERHAPS LESSENT THE INTENSITY WITH WHICH THE GOP PURSUES VARIOUS MULTILATERAL GOALS. FOR EXAMPLE, WITH THE DEPARTURE OF BHUTTO, PAKISTAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF A THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC SUMMIT WILL BE DOWNPLAYED. THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION HAS REMOVED ALL MINISTERS, AND FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO SECRETARY GENERAL AND HEAD OF THE MFA. REFLECTING THE MILITARY'S STATED DESIRE TO FOCUS ITS ATTENTIONS ALMOST
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SOLELY ON PREPARING FOR NEW ELECTIONS, THE MFA WILL HAVE GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND LESS ACCOUNTABILITY IN POLICY FORMULATION TO THE EXECUTIVE THAN IT DID UNDER THE BHUTTO ADMINISTRATION. OUR RESPONSE LAST YEAR IN PARA C REFTEL B SHOULD THEREFORE BE MODIFIED TO NOTE THE INCREASED LATITUDE GIVEN THE MFA.

3. REFTEL B SHOULD ALSO BE UPDATED TO REFLECT THAT PAKISTAN'S TERM ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 1977. THE ANALYSIS OFFERED IN PARA A-3 WILL APPLY UNTIL THE NEW YEAR.

4. ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR ARNOLD RAPHEL IS POST'S MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER.
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